

R E P O R T

OF THE

COMMITTEE OF VISITORS

OF THE

LUNATIC ASYLUM,

FOR THE

Borough of Birmingham,

AS

PRESENTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,

BEING THEIR

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT;

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORTS OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT AND CHAPLAIN;

ALSO AN ACCOUNT OF THE

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS TO THE END OF THE YEAR 1860.

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BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

COMMITTEE OF VISITORS.

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MRS. KNIGHT, MATRON.

Lunatic Asylum Committee of Visitors.

R E P O R T

FOR THE YEAR 1860,

PRESENTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL, APRIL 16th, 1861.

In laying before the Council statements of income and expenditure, admissions, discharges, and deaths, with tabular statements on various other matters connected with the Asylum for the year 1860, the Committee report that all connected with the management thereof has been satisfactory—no change has taken place in the staff of superior officers, and few of the attendants or servants have left but at their own desire.

On the first of January, 1860, the number of Patients in the					
Asylum was	.	.	.	.	323
Admitted in the year	.	.	.	.	128
Total					451
Discharged, recovered in the year	.	.	.	.	40
„ relieved	.	.	.	.	4
„ not improved	.	.	.	.	22
„ died	.	.	.	.	41
Total discharged and died					107
Leaving in the Asylum on the 31st December, 1860					344

During the year it was found necessary, from the overcrowded state of the Asylum, to order the removal of all Patients not belonging to Birmingham, (and the greater part of those discharged “not improved” were of this class); they have been removed to other Asylums by the Parishes to which they belonged.

The Patients in the Asylum on the 31st December last were chargeable as follows:—

Birmingham Parish	.	.	.	.	.	258
Birmingham Borough Fund	.	.	.	.	.	8
Aston juxta Birmingham	.	.	.	.	.	42
King's Norton do. do.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Bridgnorth Borough	.	.	.	.	.	5
Outlying Parishes	.	.	.	.	.	10
Patients not Paupers	.	.	.	.	.	15
						344

The daily average number of Patients resident through the year was 335.

The Income and Expenditure connected with Patients for the year, is as follows:—

Income	.	.	.	.	£7291	13	2
Expenditure	.	.	.	.	7197	13	3
Balance	.	.	.	.	£173	13	11
Receipts from Farm and							
Garden, with Stock	.	.	.	.	£2200	1	5
Expenditure do.	.	.	.	.	2155	14	9
Balance	.	.	.	.	£44	6	8
Total Balance in favour of the Asylum	.	.	.	.	£218	0	7

The Accounts of the Treasurer, with those of the Clerk and Steward, have been audited and found correct.

The Treasurer's Accounts for the year are as follows :—

Amount due to Treasurer, Dec. 31st, 1860, £2415 2 10

Tradesman's Accounts for December Quarter 525 15 0

Total £2940 17 10

Arrears of Accounts due to

Asylum, Sept. 30th, 1860 £1362 13 2

Accounts due Dec. 31st, 1860 1778 3 8

Total £3140 16 10

Treasurer's Balance . . 2940 17 10

Balance in favour of the Asylum . . £199 19 0

The charge per week for maintenance, clothing, medical treatment, and care of paupers belonging to Parishes in and Borough of Birmingham, was 8s.; to outlying parishes, 11s.; and to Patients not paupers, 8s. and 12s.

The average weekly cost for maintenance, clothing, medical treatment and care of each Patient through the year, was 8s. 1¼d., but sales belonging to maintenance account, &c., have been effected, reducing that sum to 7s. 11¾d., which is the actual cost per Patient per week for the year; this amount includes all outlay for alterations, additions, and repairs of building, new furniture, &c. &c.

Two hundred and twenty-five Patients, on an average, have been daily employed—the men principally on the grounds, and as tailors, shoemakers, smiths, carpenters, painters, &c.; the women in the laundry and washhouse, and at knitting, sewing, &c. The estimated value of their united labour for the year, is £729; this labour, besides being of the greatest benefit to the Patients in their treatment, also reduces the cost of their maintenance, as the vegetables, roots, &c., are charged to maintenance account at market prices, and the clothes made and repaired by them, with the washing and all other useful employments, tend to keep down the expenses of the establishment.

Your Committee continue to provide all things required for the Asylum by purchasing in the best and cheapest market without contracts. The quantity of meat slaughtered at the farm in the year for supplying the establishment was 41,820 lbs, being the produce from 29 beast, 135 sheep, 42 pigs, 7 calves, and 3 lambs, the whole was of good quality, and charged to Maintenance account at 6*d.* per lb. 1721 gallons of new milk was supplied to the Borough Prison, and 3228 gallons to the Asylum. The laying out of the grounds (which up to the present time has afforded the staple occupation for the male patients) is now completed, and the portion appropriated to agricultural and garden purposes is brought into cultivation; the portion allotted for grass in the front of the house is divided from the other grounds by an embankment, planted with evergreens, which are protected from the cattle by posts and chains, forming a lawn of about 5 acres in the front of the establishment (beyond the drive and ornamental grounds). During the year there were many applications for admission of private patients, but none could be received for want of room, although many of them (or their relatives) were ratepayers in the Borough of Birmingham, yet of that class whose circumstances would not admit of paying the expenses in a private Asylum; consequently they were compelled to be made paupers by procuring admission into the Asylum through the Parish.

The health of the inmates through the year was generally good, and there was no contagious disease of any importance; the deaths were about an average of past years since the opening of the Asylum. Two of the Commissioners in Lunacy visited the Asylum in August last, and after seeing the whole of the patients, and conversing with many of them, reported favourably of the management in general, and the cleanliness in particular.

The warming, ventilation, water supply, and drainage continue to work satisfactorily, and the buildings are all in good repair. The amusements provided for the patients, the books in the Library, and liberal supply of periodicals and newspapers, with the frequent visiting of patients by their friends, continue to afford much gratification and satisfaction to the inmates, thus breaking the monotony of life passed by them in the Asylum.

Your Committee have had under consideration the question of Manufacturing Gas for the Asylum, and are of opinion that a saving might be effected if the gas required for the Asylum, the Borough Prison, and the Workhouse was made in a suitable building to be erected for the purpose. The present cost of the three establishments for gas per annum is £675, and from enquiries instituted by your Committee, they find the same quantity (and better quality) could be supplied for about £420: this statement includes erection of Gas-house and cost of plant, or 5 per cent. on £900, the estimated outlay. The question is suggested for consideration of the Council.

With reference to purchase of additional Land for the purpose of the Asylum, the Committee have to inform the Council that the contract with Frind Cregoe Colmore, Esq., is in a forward state, and is expected shortly to be completed. The purchase-money will be £7000; and the Committee now recommend that the Finance Committee be authorised and instructed to provide the necessary amount.

(Signed,)

CHARLES STURGE,
Chairman.

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH

MALE DIETARY.

BREAKFAST.

1 pint of Coffee, 6 oz. Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of Butter.

DINNER.

<i>Sunday</i>	.	{ 9 oz. undressed Meat, free from Bone (roasted). 16 oz. Potatoes, other Vegetables or Rice. 3 oz. of Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
<i>Monday</i> <i>and</i> <i>Thursday</i>	.	{ Meat and Potatoe ⁿ Pie (crust 12 oz., Meat 4 oz.) and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer; or 16 oz. of Suet Pudding, with raisins and sweet dip, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
<i>Tuesday</i> <i>and</i> <i>Friday</i>	.	{ 8 oz. of undressed Meat, free from bone (boiled). 16 oz. of Potatoes or other Vegetables. 3. oz of Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
<i>Wednesday</i>	.	{ $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of Irish Stew (of 4 oz. Meat and 16 oz. Vege- tables), $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer, and 3 oz. of Bread. <i>Extra diet this day of Meat and Vegetables, with Beer.</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	.	{ $1\frac{1}{2}$ pint Pea Soup (Meat same as Stew) & 6 oz. Bread, or 16 oz. of Rice or other Pudding, & $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer. <i>Extra diet this day of Meat and Vegetables, with Beer.</i>

TEA.

1 pint of Tea, 6 oz. of Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of Butter.

Extra diet as per Medical order.

TO WORKING PATIENTS.

At 11 o'clock a.m. 4 oz. of Bread, 1 oz. of Cheese, & $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer;
at 4 o'clock p.m. $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer, from Lady-day to Michaelmas.

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LUNATIC ASYLUM, 1860.

FEMALE DIETARY.

BREAKFAST.

1 pint of Coffee, 6 oz. of Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of Butter.

DINNER.

<i>Sunday</i>	.	{ 8 oz. of undressed Meat, free from bone (roasted). 12 oz. of Potatoes, other Vegetables or Rice. 3 oz. of Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
<i>Monday</i> <i>and</i> <i>Thursday</i>	.	{ Meat and Potatoe Pie (crust 9 oz., Meat 3 oz.), and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer; or 12 oz. of Suet Pudding, with raisins and sweet dip, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
<i>Tuesday</i> <i>and</i> <i>Friday</i>	.	{ 7 oz. of undressed Meat, free from bone (boiled). 12 oz. of Potatoes, or other Vegetables. 3 oz. of Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
<i>Wednesday</i>	.	{ 1 lb. of Irish Stew (4 oz. Meat, 12 oz. Vegetables) 3 oz. of Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer. <i>Extra diet this day of Meat and Vegetables, with Beer.</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	.	{ 1 pint of Pea Soup (Meat same as Stew), 6 oz. of Bread, or 12. oz of Rice or other Pudding, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer. <i>Extra diet this day of Meat and Vegetables, with Beer.</i>

TEA.

1 pint of Tea, 6 oz. of Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of Butter.

Extra diet as per Medical order.

To Laundry Workers, Kitchen Patients, and House Cleaners, at 11 o'clock a.m., 4 oz. of Bread, 1 oz. of Cheese, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.

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BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

SALARIES AND WAGES.

<i>Officers, Attendants, and Servants.</i>						<i>Amount per annum.</i>		
						£	s.	d.
†	Medical Superintendent	.	.	.	.	350	0	0
	Chaplain	.	.	.	.	100	0	0
*	Clerk and Steward of Asylum and Clerk to Visitors	.	.	.	.	160	0	0
*	Matron	.	.	.	.	60	0	0
*	Assistant Clerk	.	.	.	.	30	0	0
*	Baker and Brewer	.	.	.	.	25	0	0
	Stoker and Assistant Brewer	.	.	.	.	54	12	0
*	Nine Male In-door Attendants	.	.	.	.	202	7	6
*	One Male Night ditto	.	.	.	.	25	0	0
*	Nine Female ditto	.	.	.	.	164	18	0
*	One Female Night ditto	.	.	.	.	20	0	0
*	Two Laundresses	.	.	.	.	32	15	0
*	One Cook, one Kitchen Maid	.	.	.	.	29	0	0
*	Two House Maids	.	.	.	.	19	0	0
†	One Gardener and Front Lodge Keeper	.	.	.	.	71	10	0
	Three Out-door Attendants	.	.	.	.	156	0	0
†	Farm Man and Dairy Woman	.	.	.	.	52	0	0
†	One Engineer and Side Gate Keeper	.	.	.	.	78	0	0
	One Carpenter	.	.	.	.	80	0	0
	Painter, Bricklayer, &c.	.	.	.	.	53	8	6
	One Shoemaker	.	.	.	.	65	0	0
	One Tailor	.	.	.	.	65	0	0
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Marked thus * have Maintenance, &c.

Marked thus † Apartments, Fuel, and Gas.

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BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

MONTHLY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS FOR THE YEAR.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year's Average.
Males . .	155	158	152	148	152	153	155	158	162	159	160	162	156
Females .	170	171	173	174	178	179	176	180	184	187	187	184	179
Total .	325	329	325	322	330	332	331	338	346	346	347	346	335

MONTHLY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS EMPLOYED.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year's Average.
Males . .	93	86	92	92	91	88	88	88	92	88	84	80	88
Females .	133	135	137	137	139	140	133	136	137	142	141	141	137
Total . .	226	221	229	229	230	228	221	224	229	230	225	221	225

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BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

ARTICLES OF CLOTHING, &c., MADE AND REPAIRED IN THE YEAR.

NEW WORK.		REPAIRS.	
Coats . . .	11	Coats . . .	163
Jackets . . .	83	Jackets . . .	141
Vests . . .	58	Vests . . .	73
Trousers (pairs) . . .	174	Trousers (pairs) . . .	670
Frocks for Working Men	14	Boots (pairs) . . .	952
Caps for Men . . .	13	Shoes (pairs) . . .	94
Drawers for Men (pairs)	5	Slippers (pairs) . . .	37
Braces (pairs) . . .	83	Sheets . . .	1449
Gaiters or Leggings (pairs)	5	Blankets . . .	125
Quilted Sheets . . .	11	Bolsters & Pillow Cases	1552
Mattress Cases . . .	55	Counterpanes . . .	97
Boots (pairs) . . .	76	Mattress Cases . . .	29
Shoes (pairs) . . .	17	Carpets . . .	185
Slippers (pairs) . . .	52	Window Blinds . . .	40
Shirts . . .	227	Window Curtains . . .	46
Chemises . . .	236	Table Covers . . .	411
Night Jackets . . .	86	Towels . . .	445
Petticoats . . .	54	Shirts . . .	1524
Flannel Vests . . .	72	Chemises . . .	3159
Dresses . . .	240	Under Vests . . .	634
Aprons . . .	363	Petticoats . . .	1503
Day Caps . . .	156	Skirts . . .	1487
Night Caps . . .	189	Dresses . . .	2890
Scarfs . . .	54	Drawers . . .	585
Neck & Pocket Handker- chiefs . . .	192	Night Gowns . . .	1551
Shrouds . . .	22	Caps . . .	3996
Stockings Knitted (pairs)	170	Aprons . . .	1942
Stockings re-footed (pairs)	222	Neck & Pocket Handker- chiefs . . .	976
Shaving Cloths . . .	33	Bonnets . . .	1264
Table Cloths . . .	30	Men's Frocks . . .	81
Window Blinds . . .	17	Men's Scarfs . . .	24
Window Valances . . .	7	Men's Stockings (pairs)	7593
Bed Furniture . . .	1	Women's Stockings (pairs)	5135
Sheets . . .	95	Shawls . . .	168
Pillow Cases . . .	100	Stays . . .	585
Towels . . .	186		
Cushions for Boxes & Chairs	16		
Dusters . . .	797		
Iron Holders . . .	99		
Kneelers for Scourers	46		
Rubbers for Polished Floors	151		

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BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

ARTICLES OF CLOTHING AND FURNITURE DELIVERED OUT OF DRAPERY STORE IN THE YEAR.

CLOTHING.

Aprons . . .	306
Bonnets . . .	71
Boots, Shoes, & Slippers (pairs) . . .	141
Braces (pairs) . . .	140
Caps (Men's) . . .	41
Caps (Women's) . . .	270
Chemises . . .	178
Flannel Vests . . .	39
Gowns . . .	248
Handkerchiefs and Scarfs	271
Jackets and Coats . . .	48
Men's Frocks . . .	26
Night Jackets . . .	52
Petticoats . . .	46
Ribbons (yards) . . .	155
Shirts . . .	227
Stays (pairs) . . .	11
Shawls . . .	17
Shrouds . . .	16
Trousers (pairs) . . .	95
Stockings—Males (pairs)	41
Stockings—Females (pairs)	132
Waistcoats . . .	52
Worsted (lbs.) . . .	83
Bead Nets for the Hair	48
Flannel Drawers (pairs)	2

FURNITURE.

Blankets . . .	97
Bed Sackings . . .	45
Counterpanes . . .	7
Cheese Cloths . . .	10
Carpets . . .	18
Cushions for Boxes & Chairs	16
Door Mats . . .	21
Fringe (yards) . . .	146
Pillow Cases . . .	155
Palliasses . . .	42
Patent Cloth (yards) . . .	18
Sheets . . .	107
Mattress Cases . . .	51
Sheets, Waterproof . . .	24
Sheets, Strong . . .	8
Towels . . .	138
Tea Cloths . . .	26
Table Cloths . . .	30
Window Blinds . . .	17

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AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS DAILY EMPLOYED, AND ESTIMATED VALUE OF LABOUR
FOR THE YEAR.

	Males.	Females.	No. of Days.	At.	Value of Year's Labour.	
					£	s. d.
At Farm and Garden	34	"	312	4d.	165	9 4
" Gallery Cleaning and Helpers	30	22	311	1½d.	101	8 0
" House Cleaning	"	3	312	1½d.	5	6 10
As House, Gate, and Town Porters	3	"	310	4d.	15	10 0
" Shoemakers	2	"	284	6d.	7	2 0
" Tailors	4	"	310	6d.	31	0 0
" Upholsters	1	"	312	6d.	7	16 0
" Painters and Whitewashers	2	"	288	6d.	14	8 0
" Carpenters	2	"	309	6d.	15	9 0
" Engineers and Smiths	3	"	295	6d.	19	7 6
" Bakers and Brewers	1	"	261	6d.	6	10 6
In Coal and General Stores	5	"	311	4d.	25	18 4
" the Kitchen	1	8	365	2d.	3	0 10
" the Laundry and Washhouse	"	26	312	4d.	130	4 0
At Needlework	"	60	311	2d.	155	10 0
" Knitting	"	18	311	1d.	23	6 6
" Malt and Corn Grinding	"	"	52	1d.	1	13 4
					729	0 2

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BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

NUMBER OF PATIENTS ADMITTED EACH YEAR FROM THE OPENING OF THE ASYLUM.

	1850.		1851.		1852.		1853.		1854.		1855.		1856.		1857.		1858.		1859.		1860.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Birmingham Parish .	91	79	48	59	28	33	31	41	21	36	18	30	35	38	63	45	59	55	37	46	52	54
Birmingham Borough .	1	0	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	1	7	4	4	1	1	3	3	1	1	0	3	1
Aston Union .	3	3	5	0	7	4	6	6	5	6	5	10	3	5	9	6	7	8	8	6	9	5
King's Norton Union .	6	3	7	7	1	0	2	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	2	1	0	0	0	1
Outlying Parishes .	11	10	28	15	6	7	2	2	1	2	3	4	3	4	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	0
Private Patients .	0	0	4	2	15	16	43	35	41	23	23	16	33	0	21	1	21	8	10	8	1	0
Total .	112	95	93	88	58	63	87	88	72	68	56	65	78	48	98	56	92	74	58	60	67	61
Total admitted each year	207		176		121		175		140		121		126		154		166		118		128	

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BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

NUMBER OF PATIENTS DISCHARGED AND DIED SINCE THE OPENING OF THE ASYLUM.

	1850.	1851.	1852.	1853.	1854.	1855.	1856.	1857.	1858.	1859.	1860.
	Dis. Died	Dis. Died	Dis. Died	Dis. Died	Dis. Died	Dis. Died	Dis. Died	Dis. Died	Dis. Died	Dis. Died	Dis. Died
Birmingham Parish .	8 10	30 20	13 25	28 28	32 29	26 16	38 21	37 33	59 28	70 31	37 25
Birmingham Borough .	0 0	1 0	1 0	4 1	0 1	3 0	6 2	2 1	3 0	1 1	0 2
Aston Union .	0 0	0 3	2 2	6 4	6 4	6 5	5 0	6 2	7 3	12 5	6 10
King's Norton Union .	0 0	2 3	9 2	4 2	1 2	2 0	0 0	2 0	3 0	1 0	0 0
Outlying Parishes .	3 0	31 4	43 6	15 1	8 3	5 2	5 4	5 1	8 2	16 0	18 0
Private Patients .	0 0	0 0	21 2	41 11	54 7	42 5	32 4	26 3	25 3	13 1	5 4
Total of each .	11 10	64 31	89 37	98 47	101 46	84 28	86 31	78 40	105 36	113 38	66 41
Total of whole .	21	95	126	145	147	112	117	118	141	151	107

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PATIENTS IN THE ASYLUM JANUARY 1st, 1860, WITH ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES,
DEATHS, &c., FOR THE YEAR.

Parishes, Unions, and Private Patients.	In the Asylum Jan. 1st, 1860.	Admitted since.	TOTAL.	Transferred from.	Transferred to.	Discharged.	Died.	Total discharged, transferred, and died.	Remaining in the Asylum Jan. 1st, 1861.
Birmingham Parish .	239	107	346	25	.	39	25	89	257
Birmingham Borough	8	4	12	2	.	.	2	4	8
Aston Union .	42	14	56	.	2	6	10	16	42
King's Norton Union .	4	1	5	.	1	.	.	.	6
Bridgnorth Corporation	3	2	5	.	1	1	.	1	5
Atherstone Union	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	1
Boston Union .	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	1	.
Bromsgrove Union	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	1	1
Bath Union .	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	1	.
Brighton Union .	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
Cambridge Union	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
Coventry Union .	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	1	.
Greenwich Union	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	1	.
Gainsborough Union .	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	1	.
Kidderminster Union	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	1	.
Newton Abbot Union .	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
Stratford-on-Avon Union	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	1	.
Stoke Dumarel Union	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
Northleach Union .	1	.	1	.	.	1	.	1	.
Warwick County	1	.	1	1	9	5	.	6	5
Walsall Union .	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	1	.
Westbromwich Union	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	1	.
Private Patients .	23	.	23	.	1	5	4	9	15
Total .	323	128	450	29	29	66	41	138	344

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

PROVISIONS CONSUMED AND ARTICLES DELIVERED OUT OF STORES &c., IN THE YEAR 1860.

PROVISIONS, &c.	January.	February	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	TOTAL.
Meat . . .	3871	3686	3732	3434	3657	3752	3781	3482	3918	3996	4008	4217	45,524 lbs.
Flour . . .	672	698	701	642	723	663	665	674	811	792	651	720	8412 stones.
Bread (home-made) . . .	11,190	10,871	11,461	10,517	11,312	10,890	10,923	11,118	11,933	12,227	12,053	12,060	136,555 lbs.
Potatoes . . .	56	67	62	69	95	82	43	52	58	65	69	82	800 bushels.
Other Vegetables . . .	£7/5/1	£5/10/5	£10/5/5	£7/7/2	£8/2/0	£7/6/0	£19/5/2	£18/17/8	£18/9/2	£13/12/5	£10/8/1	£5/1/5	£131/10/0
Cheese . . .	363	294	334	359	253	325	391	321	405	354	434	336	4169 lbs.
Butter . . .	685	617	602	638	626	597	660	578	625	731	640	767	7766 lbs.
Eggs . . .	74	100	220	223	205	209	192	52	53	41	102	152	1623.
Fish . . .	18/6	£4/6/5	£4/16/6	£5/1/4	—	£2/3/8	16/4	£1/8/0	—	£1/15/7	14/-	£6/2/9	£28/3/1
Poultry & Game . . .	15/3	—	—	£1/2/6	—	4/6	19/3	17/-	13/6	16/-	9/3	14/-	£6/11/3
Malt . . .	92	60	47	60	76	30	67	68	57	100	45	45	747 bushels.
Hops . . .	103	66	57	69	83	35	75	75	64	102	45	45	819 lbs.
Beer (home-brewed) . . .	995	977	1027	1136	1073	1063	1147	1145	1142	1172	1032	1036	12,945 galls.
Ale (ditto) . . .	69	64	69	62	63	127	85	69	80	79	86	98	951 gallons.
Porter . . .	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31	30	31	30	26	360 pints.
Wine . . .	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	4	2	2	1	—	12 bottles.
Spirits . . .	3	1	11	3	3	3	1	4	1	1	3	2	26 bottles.
Milk . . .	248	225	284	260	274	317	295	280	300	279	257	259	3278 gallons
Tea . . .	67	57	46	59	58	65	69	58	55	64	64	73	735 lbs.
Coffee . . .	67	66	71	74	72	63	61	70	71	77	79	80	851 lbs.
Sugar (Raw & Lump) . . .	484	435	473	460	457	452	463	541	528	591	521	587	5992 lbs.
Rice . . .	387	323	239	228	193	48	163	92	68	214	234	360	2549 lbs.
Patent Corn Flour . . .	2	4	6	6	4	4	16	3	13	9	8	2	77 lbs.
Split Peas . . .	60	80	80	80	80	100	100	80	60	84	96	120	1020 lbs.
Currants . . .	3	3	2	1	15	69	49	80	14	5	20	63	324 lbs.
Raisins . . .	63	84	84	84	—	—	—	—	65	126	97	87	690 lbs.

Pepper	12	9	14	3	11	0	7	4	3	7	4	10	92 lbs.
Salt	6	7	10	3	7	5	7	6	2	8	8	9	86 lbs.
Vinegar	—	2	6	2	2	2	2	4	4	9	4	4	52 cwt.
Chicory	47	46	55	40	40	52	32	2	—	3	3	6	29 gallons
Drugs	£3/0/2	£2/8/4	£3/15/4	12/5	£2/1/9	£5/9/5	£3/10/2	£2/9/9	£5/14/5	£1/3/7	48	62	562 lbs.
Tobacco	238	226	202	278	271	181	220	216	217	239	15/1	£4/8/4	£35/8/9
Soap .	550	493	368	301	442	395	392	443	381	387	192	256	171 lbs.
Soda	201	197	197	220	227	203	185	221	194	202	225	227	4927 lbs.
Blue	6	4	4	10	2	6	4	4	4	6	4	4	2499 lbs.
Starch	11	8	9	8	7	6	9	6	6	8	6	5	58 lbs.
Candles	30	22	15	16	10	8	8	4	12	16	17	21	89 lbs.
Coal	144	108	75	52	78	50	105	180	51	94	26	126	179 lbs.
Firewood	£1/0/0	—	£1/0/0	—	—	£1/0/0	£1/0/0	£1/0/0	£1/0/0	£1/0/0	£1/0/0	—	1089 tons.
Gas	—	—	416,500	—	—	116,400	—	—	64,700	—	—	335,100	£8/0/0.
Matches	2	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	932,700 feet.
Blacklead	7	14	7	7	7	7	7	—	7	14	7	7	8 gross.
Blacking	108	80	76	103	73	78	87	77	72	80	70	90	91 lbs.
Bath brick .	20	14	18	13	6	6	7	10	6	6	5	6	994 cakes.
House Brushes	£2/12/8	£2/10/8	£1/16/9	£3/2/10	£2/0/4	£1/12/6	£1/17/10	£1/16/4	£1/10/11	£2/16/1	£2/2/10	£2/8/0	117.
Scouring flannels	£3/6/3	£2/13/0	£2/13/0	£4/1/0	£2/14/0	£2/14/0	£3/8/9	£3/8/9	£2/16/0	£3/8/9	£2/15/0	£3/8/9	£26/7/9.
Combs & Hair Brushes	—	16/3	7/6	—	5/-	1/3	4/3	1/3	—	2/6	2/6	1/3	£37/8/3.
Beeswax	5	5	6	6	5	5	5	4	4	6	6	8	£2/1/9.
Books, Printing, Post- age and Stationery	£6/0/8	£2/8/0	£4/16/10	£3/15/7	£3/1/7	£3/15/0	£32/15/5	£1/11/6	£5/12/2	£25/16/5	9/7	£5/12/11	65 lbs.
Sundries	10/6	£1/7/10	19/1	10/3	£1/7/8	£4/9/2	£1/4/9	£16/3	£2/3/9	£7/3/4	16/1	18/1	£95/15/8.
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INCOME FOR THE YEAR, AND FROM WHENCE DERIVED.

Parishes, Unions, Private Patients, &c.	March Quarter.			June Quarter.			September Quarter.			December Quarter.			Total for the Year.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Birmingham Parish	1260	9	8	1287	10	4	1342	12	8	1364	3	6	5254	16	2
Birmingham Borough	41	12	0	48	2	0	55	11	2	49	4	8	194	9	10
Aston Union	225	14	10	225	19	6	233	15	0	230	9	8	915	19	0
King's Norton Union	24	14	2	31	4	0	31	11	0	31	11	0	119	0	2
Bridgnorth Corporation	26	4	11	30	12	10	29	6	2	34	7	2	120	11	1
Atherstone Union	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	16	2	7	4	7	9	0	9
Boston Union	2	15	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	15	0
Bromsgrove Union	.	.	.	1	19	4	.	.	.	2	13	5	4	12	9
Bath Union	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	19	9	2	19	9
Brighton Union	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	10	9	3	10	9
Cambridge Union	.	.	.	3	13	10	7	4	7	7	4	7	18	3	0
Coventry Union	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	11	5	0	10	5	2	1	10
Greenwich Union	.	.	.	2	19	9	.	.	9	.	.	.	2	19	9
Gainsborough Union	.	.	.	2	10	4	6	15	.	.	4	7	9	6	1
Kidderminster Union	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	7	4	7	5	4	7
Newton Abbott Union	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	18	2	.	.	.	10	2	9
Northleach Union	3	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	7	.	.	.	3	6	0
Stratford-on-Avon Union	.	.	.	4	9	7	7	4	7	.	.	.	11	14	2
Warwick County	19	17	7	7	3	0	2	19	9	24	10	5	54	10	9
Walsall Union	.	.	.	1	3	7	0	4	9	.	.	.	1	8	4
Westbromwich Union	.	.	.	1	13	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	13	0
Private Patients	147	10	0	111	1	1	108	4	10	108	18	5	475	14	4
Sundries Sold from the House	16	7	5	17	0	8	6	1	9	28	3	6	67	13	4
Farm and Garden Profit	1768	11	7	1777	2	10	1837	17	9	1908	1	0	7291	13	2
Total Income	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	44	6	8
	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	£7335	19	10

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DAILY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS FOR EACH QUARTER,

WITH THE COST PER WEEK FOR THE SAME ;

ALSO, AVERAGE & COST PER WEEK FOR THE YEAR.

Daily Average Number of Patients for the Quarter ending March 31st	326
Weekly Cost per Patient for the same period	7s.6½d.
Daily Average Number of Patients for the Quarter ending June 30th	328
Weekly Cost per Patient for the same period	7s.10d.
Daily Average Number of Patients for the Quarter ending September 30th	339
Weekly Cost per Patient for the same period	8s.9d.
Daily Average Number of Patients for the Quarter ending December 31st	346
Weekly Cost per Patient for the same period	8s.3½d.
Daily Average Number of Patients resident for the Year	335
Average Weekly Cost per Patient for the Year	8s.1¼d.

SUMMARY OF THE COST PER PATIENT PER WEEK FOR THE YEAR.

	s.	d.
Provisions, including that of Officers, Attendants, and Servants	4	1¼
Medicines, Wine, Spirits and Porter	0	0½
Necessaries, as Soap, Coal, Gas, Brushes, &c.	1	0
Clothing and Repairs of the same	0	5¾
Salaries of Officers, Attendants, and Servants	1	5¾
Cabinet, Earthenware, Ironmongery, and Drapery Furniture	0	2¾
Building, and Repairs of the same, Materials, Taxes, Insurance, &c.	0	9¼
Total per Week	8	1¼
Less for Goods sold from the House, and Profit on Farm and Garden	0	1½
Actual Cost per Patient per Week for the Year	7	11¾

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FROM

Income.

HEADS OF INCOME.	March 31.	June 30.	September 30.	December 31.	TOTAL
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s.
To Parishes and Unions, for Maintenance, Clothing, Medicines, and care of Patients	1598 14 2	1645 9 1	1716 13 2	1765 7 1	6726 3
To Private Patients, for Maintenance, Medicines, and Attendance	147 10 0	111 1 1	108 4 10	108 18 5	475 14
To Sundries Sold from the House	16 7 5	17 0 8	6 1 9	28 3 6	67 13
To Repayments for Funeral Expenses	6 0 0	3 12 0	6 18 0	5 12 0	22 2
To Receipts from Farm and Garden, with Stock	.	.	.	.	2200
To Income per Quarter	1768 11 7	1777 2 10	1837 17 9	1908 1 0	9491 1

UNATIC ASYLUM.

ANUARY 1st TO DECEMBER 31st, 1860.

Expenditure.

HEADS OF EXPENDITURE.	March 31.			June 30.			September 30.			December 39.			TOTAL.		
<i>Provisions.</i>	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Meat	282	4	6	271	1	6	279	5	6	305	10	6	1138	2	0
Flour	165	8	10	182	9	4	220	1	1	232	10	5	800	9	8
Tea, Coffee, and Chicory	33	14	11	37	8	2	36	11	11	39	4	3	146	19	3
Sugar	23	7	6	26	5	8	29	2	4	31	8	4	110	3	10
Ale and Beer	83	5	1	72	2	6	85	0	6	92	19	4	333	7	5
Wine, Spirits, and Porter	2	5	0	3	12	11	2	18	2	2	8	6	11	4	7
Fish, Poultry, and Game	10	16	8	8	12	0	4	14	1	10	11	7	34	14	4
Potatoes & other Vegetables	52	18	7	81	2	5	96	17	3	77	13	11	308	12	2
Peas, Arrowroot, Patent	12	5	1	6	10	1	5	4	9	10	19	3	34	19	2
Corn Flour, Rice, Sago,															
Spices, &c.															
Currants, Raisins, & Fruit	4	18	10	4	9	0	6	3	2	9	19	11	25	10	11
Milk and Eggs	26	17	6	31	0	9	30	8	5	27	14	3	116	0	11
Butter and Cheese	117	0	2	118	6	6	115	1	8	126	2	5	476	10	9
Vinegar, Salt, Pepper, & Mustard	4	2	5	2	0	3	2	9	9	3	10	9	12	3	2
Tobacco, Snuff, and Pipes	6	19	5	7	0	10	6	5	9	6	15	1	27	1	1
Drugs	9	3	10	8	3	7	11	14	4	6	7	8	35	9	5
<i>Necessaries.</i>															
Coal	137	9	7	74	4	0	136	2	0	103	8	0	451	3	7
Gas	59	9	11	16	11	8	9	4	4	47	15	0	133	0	11
Firewood, Candles, and Matches	4	1	1	1	19	8	3	16	1	3	11	7	13	8	5
Soap, Soda, Starch, & Blue	21	19	8	18	0	8	18	8	7	17	17	8	76	6	7
House Brushes & Scouring Flannel	15	12	4	16	5	8	14	18	7	16	9	5	63	6	0
Hair Brushes & Combs	1	3	9	0	6	3	0	5	6	0	6	3	2	1	9
Books, Printing, Postage, and Stationery	13	5	6	10	12	2	39	19	1	31	18	11	95	15	8
Bath Bricks, Blacking, Black Lead, & Chimney Sweeping	2	3	1	5	1	7	1	15	1	2	9	3	11	9	0
Sundries	4	5	9	3	7	1	4	4	9	8	17	6	20	15	1
Clothing and Repairs	100	2	7	90	7	9	126	19	6	109	13	0	427	2	10
Salaries & Wages belonging to Patients	332	4	10	320	7	3	321	12	11	318	4	3	1292	9	3
Cabinet, Drapery, Hardware, and Ironmongery	40	13	7	70	14	4	38	13	10	57	3	4	207	5	1
Furniture															
Building, Repairs of Building, Wages, and Materials	31	11	0	205	11	0	238	17	8	141	17	11	617	17	7
Taxes, Insurance, and Bank Charges	.	.	.	.	.	.	40	17	3	25	8	5	66	5	8
Removals and Settlement Expenses	.	.	.	1	16	4	3	8	4	5	7	6	10	12	2
Funeral Expenses	4	13	0	3	0	0	5	13	0	4	5	0	17	11	0
Arm & Garden, see a/c	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2155	14	9
Balance in favor of Asylum	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	218	0	7
Expenditure per Quarter	1604	4	0	1698	10	11	1936	15	2	1878	9	2	9491	14	7

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FARM AND GARDEN ACCOUNT.

Income.

	£	s.	d.
To 21,884 lbs. of Beef, at 6d.	547	2	0
" 11,749 lbs. of Mutton, at 6d.	293	14	6
" 7388 lbs. of Pork, at 6d.	184	14	0
" 799 lbs. of Veal, at 6d.	19	19	6
" 1720 $\frac{3}{4}$ galls. of New Milk (Borough Prison) at 1s.	86	0	9
" 3228 $\frac{1}{2}$ gallons ditto (Asylum) at 8d.	107	12	4
" 356 lbs. of Fresh Butter, at 1s. 3d.	22	5	0
" 1690 Eggs, at 1d.	7	0	10
" Poultry supplied to the House	5	14	9
" Vegetables ditto	288	7	5
" Brittany Cow sold	12	0	0
" Pebbles sold to the Corporation	9	3	6
" Crop of Wheat	26	0	0
" Ditto Hay	24	0	0
" Ditto Wurzel	13	2	6
" Trespass, &c.	0	4	4
" Hides, Skins, and Fat Sold	124	10	0
" Live and Dead Stock, December 31, 1860, viz.			
Live Stock	£194	5	0
Vegetables on Ground and Manure	52	0	0
Farm and Garden Implements	182	5	0
	428	10	0
	£2200	1	5

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
By Live and Dead Stock, January 1, 1860	450	7	0
" 38 Cows, Calves, and Fat Beast purchased	625	8	10
" 138 Sheep purchased	345	12	1
" 12 Pigs purchased	32	12	0
" Provender and Straw	265	9	1
" Potatoes purchased for House and Seed	53	14	6
" Garden Seeds and Plants	9	6	3
" Manure purchased	33	1	0
" Farm and Garden Tools	1	14	0
" Rent and Taxes	29	10	4
" Coal	10	16	11
" Cleaning out Canal (Manure for Grounds)	4	10	5
" Wages (Farm Man, Gardener, and 3 out-door Attendants)	288	3	5
" Sundries	5	8	11
" Profit on the years' transactions	44	6	8
	£2200	1	5

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BALANCE SHEET, 1860.

Dr.				Cr.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
By Stock	.	.	.	To Provisions	.	.	.
" Income	.	.	.	" Necessaries	.	.	.
" Treasurer of Asylum	.	.	.	" Clothing	.	.	.
" Steward of Asylum	.	.	.	" Drapery Furniture	.	.	.
" Farm and Garden profit	.	.	.	" Building Materials	.	.	.
" Goods sold	.	.	.	" Surgery	.	.	.
" Sundry Tradesmen's Accounts	.	.	.	" Farm and Garden	.	.	.
	3917	6	11	" Expenditure	.	.	.
	7230	11	2	" Materials for Coffins	.	.	.
	2415	2	10	" House Furniture (in use)	.	.	.
	5	2	0	" Library	.	.	.
	44	6	8	" Engineer's Stock of Tools, &c.	.	.	.
	67	13	9	" Carpenter's ditto	.	.	.
	561	0	10	" Tailor's ditto	.	.	.
				" Shoemaker's ditto	.	.	.
				" Sundry Stock	.	.	.
				" Parishes and Unions' Accounts	.	.	.
				" Furniture in Store	.	.	.
				" Sundry Tradesmen	.	.	.
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MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

During the year which has just expired 128 patients were admitted into the Asylum, being ten more than in 1859. Twenty-one were re-admissions, after intervals of sanity ranging from a fortnight to nearly six years. The average daily number of patients in the house was 335 against 353 the year before: the highest number was 351, the lowest 322. Suicidal disposition was noted in 21 cases. The few attempts made at the Asylum, all by strangulation, were promptly met and effectually frustrated.

The mortality was again above the average of previous years. The number of deaths was 41, which is 32 per cent. upon the admissions, precisely the same as in 1859; upon the total number under treatment the per centage was 9.

For the first time since the Asylum opened, the deaths exceeded the recoveries.

Table XI. shews that 18 were carried off by general paralysis and its complications; 9 by other cerebral affections; 4 by phthisis; 6 by other pulmonary complaints; 2 by cancer; one by dropsy; and one by peritonitis. The last was the only case of acute disease.

The recoveries were 40, which is 31 per cent. upon the admissions—the least favourable report in this respect yet presented to the Committee. This result may be accounted for in part, and only in part, by the non-admission of private patients, none of that class having been received since November 1859. In the ten years and a half during which the Asylum has now been open, 1638 patients,

in all, have been admitted ; of whom 614 or 37 per cent. have been discharged recovered, and 385 or 23 per cent. have died. 321 were private patients ; of whom 149 were discharged recovered, and 40 improved—together, 58 per cent., or taking the recoveries alone, 46 per cent.

The condition of the patients left in the house at the end of the year augurs unfavourably for the future, from the great preponderance of incurable cases. As many as 67 are epileptics, 30 are paralysed, and in 263 the cases are of more than two years' duration. From one cause or other, either from the duration of the malady, or from its character or its complications, more than seven-eighths of the whole number are considered to be incurable.

Table IX. shewing the causes of the disorder, would be most valuable and important if it could be fully and correctly made out ; but the information on which it should be constructed is often vague, uncertain, or incorrect, and quite as often altogether withheld ; so that it is impossible to draw any inferences from the facts presented. The most prominent features, and these it is thought may be relied upon as far as they go, are that in 23 cases the immediate exciting cause was intemperance, and that in 22 cases the disorder was ascertained to be hereditary. On the admission of a patient, enquiries are made as to his habits, his disposition, his temper, the cause and duration of his malady ; to which such replies are often given as lead to a favourable prognosis, when subsequent enquiries shew that the information given was incorrect, and the opinion founded upon it erroneous. For instance, the duration of the attack is often stated as a "few days," when it has really existed months, or even years ; the short period referring merely to the time during which the patient had been unmanageable at home. Many persons have no idea of tranquil mania, they cannot imagine the patient to be "insane," or "mad," as they term it, without noise and violence. Hence, when remonstrated with on the delay in such cases as those just alluded to, a very common reply is, "Oh ! we did not think him bad enough." Something like allowing a fire, which in the first instance might have

been put out with a bucket of water, to spread, until the whole tenement is in flames, and then call in the fire engines, by which the fire may be extinguished, but only to leave the house a wreck.

So is it with insanity: in its first stage its progress may be arrested with comparative facility, but let it proceed unchecked, the task becomes more difficult, the result more doubtful, and sooner or later—sometimes at a very early period—some organic change takes place in the delicate structure of the brain, when complete recovery is no longer to be looked for. The greater curability of the disease in its earlier stages is aptly exemplified in the following statistics :

From the opening of the Asylum in June 1850, to the end of the year 1859, there were admitted (excluding paralytics and epileptics, and also all cases of more than two years' duration at the time of admission), 890 patients; of whom 527, or 59 per cent., recovered, and 155, or 17 per cent., died. During the same period, and with like exclusions, 681 patients were admitted whose cases did not, as reported, exceed three months in duration at the time they came: of these, 79 or 11 per cent. died, and 450, or 66 per cent., recovered. The contrast will be more striking if the two classes are separated from each other. In one, as just stated, the recoveries reach 66 per cent.; whereas in those admitted when the malady had already existed from three months to two years, they come down to 36 per cent., and beyond that the number would be very small indeed.

The cleanliness and good order of the Establishment have been well maintained throughout the year.

The health of the inmates has been good, free from any epidemic disorder, except a mild form of influenza, and equally free from serious accidents, the most important being a fracture of one of the small bones of the hand.

THOMAS GREEN,
Medical Superintendent.

February 1st, 1861.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

TABLE I.

SUMMARY OF ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1860.

	Private.		Pauper.		M.	F.	Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.			
Patients in the House, January 1, 1860 . . }	12	11	141	159	153	170	323
Admitted during that year	1	0	66	61	67	61	128
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	13	11	207	220	220	231	451
Discharged Recovered . .	0	0	20	20	59	48	107
„ Improved . . .	0	0	2	2			
„ Unimproved† . .	4	1	10	7			
„ by Death . . .	2	2	21	16			
Remain 1st January, 1861	7	8	154	175	161	183	344

Average Daily Number, Males 156, Females 179—Total 335.

Highest number 351, lowest 322.

† Of these, 16 were removed to other Asylums.

TABLE II.
TOTAL ADMISSIONS, DEATHS, AND DISCHARGES.

	Admissions.			Deaths.			DISCHARGES.									Total Deaths and Discharges.			Remain from each Year's Admissions.		
							Recovered.			Improved.			Unimproved.								
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.			
1850	112	95	207	7	3	10	6	3	9	1	—	1	5	—	5	19	6	25	32	30	62
1851	89	87	176	20	11	31	21	27	48	2	4	6	5	5	10	48	47	95	12	10	22
1852	58	62	120	24	13	37	15	31	46	8	7	15	15	14	29	62	65	127	7	10	17
1853	87	87	174	32	15	47	31	42	73	4	3	7	12	6	18	79	66	145	7	5	12
1854	71	70	141	28	18	46	30	37	67	7	9	16	11	11	22	76	75	151	2	13	15
1855	56	66	122	18	10	28	31	28	59	5	6	11	7	7	14	61	51	112	8	14	22
1856	78	48	126	19	12	31	33	24	57	7	4	11	14	4	18	73	44	117	4	10	14
1857	98	56	154	28	12	40	29	28	57	11	—	11	7	3	10	75	43	118	18	13	31
1858	92	74	166	19	17	36	44	35	79	7	5	12	9	5	14	79	62	141	17	23	40
1859	58	60	118	25	13	38	28	41	69	4	6	10	17	16	33	74	76	150	21	20	41
1860	67	61	128	23	18	41	20	20	40	2	2	4	14	8	22	59	48	107	33	35	68
	866	766	1632	243	142	385	288	316	614	58	46	104	116	79	195	705	583	1288	161	183	344

TABLE III.

Shewing how the Patients remaining on the 1st of January, 1860, from each Year's Admissions, have been disposed of during that year.

Number of Patients remaining from the Admissions of	Cured.	Improved.	Unim- proved.	Died.	Remain.
1850—70	—	—	1	7	62
1851—24	—	—	—	2	22
1852—18	—	—	1	—	17
1853—14	—	1	—	1	12
1854—20	1	—	1	3	15
1855—23	—	—	1	—	22
1856—18	1	—	2	1	14
1857—34	—	—	1	2	31
1858—45	1	—	1	3	40
1859—57	6	1	4	5	41
323	9	2	12	24	276

TABLE IV.

STATE OF PATIENTS IN THE ASYLUM ON THE
1ST OF JANUARY, 1861.

						M.	F.	Total.	
As to probability of Recovery {						Curable . .	16	25	41
						Incurable .	145	158	303
								344	
Social State {						Married	55	65	120
						Single	95	101	196
						Widowed	11	17	28
								344	
Epileptics						35	32	67	
Paralytics						24	6	30	
Congenital Imbeciles						10	3	13	
Criminal Lunatics						5	7	12	

TABLE V.

FORM OF DISORDER IN THE 128 CASES ADMITTED
IN 1860.

	M.	F.	Total.
Mania	37	45	82
Ditto with Paralysis	11	4	15
Ditto with Epilepsy	5	2	7
Melancholia	6	7	13
Dementia	1	1	2
Ditto with Paralysis	3	1	4
Ditto with Epilepsy	1	1	2
Congenital Imbecility	3	0	3
	67	61	128

TABLE VI.

DURATION OF DISORDER AT THE TIME OF
ADMISSION.

	M.	F.	Total.
Not exceeding One Month	24	28	52
„ „ Three Months	13	12	25
„ „ Six „	10	8	18
„ „ Twelve „	4	3	7
„ „ Two Years	5	4	9
Above Two Years	11	6	17
	67	61	128
Cases of more than One attack	16	12	28

TABLE VII.

AGES OF THE 128 PATIENTS ON ADMISSION.

	M.	F.	Total.
Under 15	1	0	1
From 15 to 20	4	4	8
„ 20 „ 30	11	17	28
„ 30 „ 40	23	15	38
„ 40 „ 50	9	8	17
„ 50 „ 60	13	12	25
„ 60 „ 70	4	3	7
Above 70	2	2	4
	67	61	128

TABLE VIII.

CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS CONDITION.

		M.	F.	Total.
Social State	{ Married	40	21	61
	{ Single	22	26	48
	{ Widowed	5	14	19
				— 128
Of Fair Education		1	1	2
Able to Read and Write.		44	38	82
Able to Read only		11	8	19
Uneducated		11	14	25
				— 128
Established Church		47	45	92
Protestant Dissenters		8	8	16
Roman Catholics		11	8	19
Jewish		1	0	1
				— 128

TABLE IX.

ASSIGNED CAUSES OF DISORDER.

	M.	F.	Total.
Family and other Troubles	8	6	14
Over-toil	2	0	2
Religion	1	1	2
Grief	1	0	1
Fright	0	1	1
Disappointed Affection	0	2	2
Childbirth	0	3	3
Lactation	0	1	1
Epilepsy	4	1	5
Apoplexy	2	1	3
Paralysis	1	0	1
Fever	2	2	4
Erysypelas	0	1	1
Cancer	0	1	1
Change of Life	0	1	1
Old Age	0	2	2
Congenital	1	0	1
Drinking	16	7	23
Hereditary, no other Cause stated	9	2	11
Unassigned	20	29	49
	—	—	—
	67	61	128
Hereditary tendency ascertained in	15	7	22

TABLE X.

PREVIOUS OCCUPATION OF PATIENTS
ADMITTED IN 1860.

	M.	F.	Total.
Mechanics and Artizans	21	7	28
Wives of ditto	0	17	17
Shopkeepers	5	0	5
Musicians	2	0	2
Hawkers	2	1	3
Dial Writer	1	0	1
Labourers	10	0	10
Accountant	1	0	1
Soldiers	2	0	2
Engraver	1	0	1
Baker	1	0	1
Clerks	4	0	4
Herbalist	1	0	1
Artist	1	0	1
Butcher	1	0	1
Tailor	1	0	1
Shoemakers	3	0	3
Carpenters	3	0	3
School Teachers	2	1	3
Dress Makers	0	7	7
Laundress	0	1	1
Domestic Servants	0	12	12
Prostitutes	0	2	2
In Warehouse	0	2	2
No Employment	5	11	16
	67	61	128

TABLE XI.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE 41 FATAL CASES.

	M.	F.	Total
General Paralysis ending by exhaustion	4	3	7
„ „ „ convulsions	1	4	5
„ „ „ coma	3	0	3
„ „ and phthisis	1	0	1
„ „ and chronic peritonitis	1	0	1
„ „ and bronchitis	0	1	1
Apoplexy	1	0	1
Epileptic coma	3	0	3
„ exhaustion	1	1	2
Softening of brain	1	1	2
Exhaustive mania	0	1	1
Phthisis	1	3	4
Pneumonia	1	0	1
Bronchitis	0	1	1
„ and emphysema	0	1	1
„ and dropsy	1	0	1
Grangrene of lung	0	1	1
Cancer of the womb	0	1	1
„ „ stomach	1	0	1
Pulmonary congestion, with disease of heart and brain	1	0	1
Dropsy from heart disease	1	0	1
Peritonitis	1	0	1
	23	18	41

Average age at death : Males 48, Females 46.

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF VISITORS OF THE BOROUGH
LUNATIC ASYLUM, BIRMINGHAM.

GENTLEMEN,

It is with great pleasure and heartfelt gratitude that I am enabled to report favourably of the moral and spiritual condition of the inmates of the Institution during the past year; and I am happy to bear my unqualified testimony to the skill, uniform kindness, and attention exhibited towards the unfortunate inmates of your Asylum, both by the superior officers and assistants, and which has happily resulted in the cure of many, and the alleviation of a larger number of the patients who have had the advantages of your Institution.

It has been my earnest endeavour during the past year to promote the moral and spiritual welfare of those committed to my ministerial charge, and in the discharge of my duties I have derived much encouragement, not only from the attention paid to my instruction, but also from the warmth of affection manifested towards me by the patients generally, thus indicating that my efforts for their spiritual welfare are not only understood but kindly appreciated. I may here be permitted to remark, that my daily experience and deliberation strengthens my conviction, that uniform kindness and gentleness of manner, joined to firmness of discipline, is the only safe and efficient mode of treatment that can be adopted for the mental improvement and moral advancement of the inmates of Asylums similar to the Institution under your care and management.

The order of religious services in the Chapel has been the same as in former years, as I have seen no cause to alter the course which has hitherto been pursued, viz., on Sunday morning at Eleven, Divine Service is performed, consisting of the Prayers to the end of the Litany, after which a Hymn is sung and a Sermon preached.

On Wednesday morning service commences at half-past Eight, and consists of the Litany, the singing of a Hymn, and the delivery of an expository Lecture on a portion of Holy Scripture. The Acts of the Apostles have formed the subject of our lectures during the past year.

On Thursday morning at half-past Eight, Prayers are read in the Chapel; I afterwards visit the whole of the galleries and courts of the Institution for the purpose of reading and explaining the Scriptures or other suitable books to the inmates, and as far as practicable impart religious knowledge adapted to the individual capacities of the various classes of inmates.

In the performance of my ministerial duty I have been called from time to time to afford spiritual instruction and consolation to the sick and the dying: at such seasons my mind has often been cheered by witnessing the blessed and comforting influences of religion in imparting happiness and peace to the minds of the afflicted ones.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been regularly administered once a quarter, and has been partaken of by an increased number of the officers and inmates.

The Library for the use of the inmates, which last year received a large and valuable accession of books, continues to be highly beneficial, both as a means of stimulating mental activity and as diffusing an air of cheerfulness among the patients.

During the summer months several lectures upon interesting subjects have been delivered in the Hall by gentlemen of the neighbourhood, and which furnished a pleasant mode of instruction to those

present. I had the pleasure to deliver a lecture upon the "Life and Times of Martin Luther," as also a reading of an interesting tale, "A Trap to catch a Sunbeam."

I have occasionally attended the recreation meetings in the Hall on Monday evenings during the winter months, and have been much gratified by the provisions made for the amusement of the inmates, and by the marked order and propriety of behaviour of all present.

I cannot conclude my report without expressing my acknowledgment of the courtesy and kindness I have on all occasions continued to receive not only from the Committee of Visitors, but also from the whole of the Officers of the Institution, and I beg to express my sincere thanks for the kind and hearty co-operation I have ever experienced in the discharge of my peculiar and interesting ministerial duties.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient faithful Servant,

CHARLES BRITTAIN,

Chaplain.